



Park Quest 2018

Leave No Trace on Southern Maryland!

St. Mary's River State Park



The purpose of this Quest is to educate the participants on the principles of Leave No Trace ethics that promote the conservation and protection of our outdoor natural resources.

As you hike around the lake trail, locate the white Park Quest posts and read the information about the principles of Leave No Trace. Use this information to choose the correct answer to the following questions. Use the answers to solve the key to get the combination to unlock the stamp for your quest booklet.

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Which of the following would be important to consider before heading outdoors?

1. Take out the trash before you leave the house.
2. Know the rules and regulations of the area that you are visiting.
3. Invite a large group of friends to join you on your visit.
4. Bring supplies that you know that you will not need.

TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

When selecting a campsite you should choose a site...

1. Close to a water source.
2. Near the trail.
3. In an open spot to receive the morning sun.
4. At least 200 feet from lakes, streams, rivers, and trails.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

You're out in the wild and nature calls. What do you do?

1. Duck behind the nearest tree so that no one can see you, do your business and cover it with a rock
2. Choose a spot near a stream or river so that you can clean up without using toilet paper
3. Dig a deep hole away from water, fill it in afterwards, and take your toilet paper with you

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

You are hiking on a trail through a wet meadow containing beautiful wildflowers. Your best option is to...

1. Step off the trail and pick as many flowers as you can in one area.
2. Pick infrequently so you'll have a bouquet but your impact is spread out along the trail.
3. Stop and smell the flowers, smile and take home a picture instead.
4. Pick only dry, wilted flowers leaving the healthy plants alone.

MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

True or False? – It is ok to burn trash in a campfire if you have too much to carry out?

1. True
2. False

RESPECT WILDLIFE

You've been lucky enough to get close to a small wild animal. Should you:

1. Entice it closer to you with food to get a better look
2. Make a loud noise to discourage it from human contact
3. Quietly watch if from a distance

BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

Which of the following could you do to make sure that others are also enjoying their visit to the outdoors?

1. Be nice to people
2. Camp as close to the trail and other visitors as possible
3. Be as loud as possible to show that you are having a good time.

ANSWERS

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